

IN THE CLAIMS

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND the claims according to the following:

1. (CANCELLED)

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The point service system according to claim 1, further comprising:~~ A point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the system comprising:

a point database recording a number of points accumulated for a customer, the points issued to the customer by a plurality of point-usable facilities and recording the number of points issued to the customer by each point-usable facility along with identifying information of each point-usable facility;

means for receiving, from the customer, requests for a number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points and for generating recognition codes for each requested number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points;

means for recording in a use management database identifying information of the customer, the requested numbers of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points, the recognition codes generated for each requested number of reserved points, and use status of each requested number of reserved points, according to the customer requests for the number of reserved points;

means for transmitting data of a point use ticket comprising each requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and each recognition code generated for each requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the customer terminal device for providing the point use ticket; and

~~means for referring to the use management database use status to provide information to the point-usable facilities regarding determining a point use ticket is usable whether the number of reserved points is usable in accordance with~~by verifying a reference request from a point usable facility transmitting the point use ticket customer identifying information, along with the number of reserved points and the generated recognition code of the point use ticket, with the use management database including verifying the use status of the referenced number of reserved points for the generated recognition code from the point-usable facilities.

3. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The point-service system according to claim 1, further comprising:

means for subtracting the number of reserved points, for which the recognition code is generated, from the accumulated number of points, and recording the remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points in the point database;

means for referring to the use management database in accordance with a cancel request with the recognition code from the customer to invalidate the generated recognition code, when the use status information of the number of reserved points indicates unused; and

means for adding the number of reserved points for the invalidated generated recognition code to the accumulated number of points for the customer to record the added number of reserved points as a new accumulated number of points in the point database.

4. (CANCELLED)

5. (ORIGINAL) The point-service system according to claim 1, further comprising means for transmitting a use request display for the customer to view the accumulated number of points and to input the number of reserved points to the terminal device of the customer.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium storing a program for a point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the program enabling a computer to execute ~~a process~~operations comprising:

entering, by the customer, a number of reserved points from any one of a plurality of point-use facilities issuing points to the customer and accumulated for the customer, on a display of the terminal device;

generating a recognition code for each entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a request from the customer to use the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;

recording the generated recognition code with the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and with a use status of the reserved points;

subtracting the entered number of reserved points from the accumulated number of points for the customer, and recording a remaining number of points as a new accumulated number of points;

transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and the recognition code generated for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the terminal device; and

displaying the point use ticket on the display of the terminal device to allow the customer to print the point use ticket for use by the customer; and

determining a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request for the reserved points from a point usable facility transmitting the number of reserved points and the generated recognition code of the point use ticket, based upon the recorded generated recognition code and the use status of the reserved points.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the system comprising:

a controller

recording a number of points accumulated for a customer, the points issued to the customer by a plurality of point-usable facilities,

recording the number of points issued to the customer by each point-usable facility along with identifying information of each point-usable facility,

receiving, from the customer, requests for a number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points,

generating recognition codes for each requested number of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points,

recording in a use management database identifying information of the customer, the requested numbers of reserved points from any one of the plurality of point-use facilities from among the accumulated number of points, the recognition codes generated for each requested number of reserved points, and use status of each requested number of reserved points, according to the customer requests for the number of reserved points, and

transmitting data of a point use ticket comprising each requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and each recognition code generated for each requested number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the customer terminal device for providing the point use ticket, and

determining a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request from a point usable facility transmitting the point use ticket customer identifying information, the number of reserved points and the generated recognition code of the point use ticket, with the use management database including verifying the use status of the referenced number of reserved points for the generated recognition code.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of issuing points in a point-service system that can be accessed by a customer using a terminal device via a network, the method comprising:

entering, by the customer, a number of reserved points from any one of a plurality of point-use facilities issuing points to the customer and accumulated for the customer, on a display of the terminal device;

generating a recognition code for each entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, in response to a request from the customer to use the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points;

recording the generated recognition code with the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and with a use status of the reserved points;

subtracting the entered number of reserved points from the accumulated number of points for the customer, and recording a remaining number of points as a new accumulated

number of points;

transmitting data of a point use ticket, comprising the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points and the recognition code generated for the entered number of reserved points from among the accumulated number of points, to the terminal device; and

displaying the point use ticket on the display of the terminal device to allow the customer to print the point use ticket for use by the customer; and

determining a point use ticket is usable by verifying a reference request for the reserved points from a point usable facility transmitting the number of reserved points and the generated recognition code of the point use ticket, based upon the recorded generated recognition code and the use status of the reserved points.